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SUBJECT: CANADA: MORE CONVERGENCE THAN DIVERGENCE EXPECTED
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Classified By: PolMinCouns Brian Flora. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (SBU) We conveyed reftel demarche to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Non-proliferation Senior Policy Officer Michael Blackmore on April 24, and at a follow-up meeting with Blackmore and Policy Advisor David Da Silva on April 25. Blackmore emphasized convergence between Washington and Ottawa on NPT PrepCom agenda items. He expected what perceptible divergence there was to be limited to degrees of emphasis rather than on substance. For example, he cautioned, Canada would stress balance in addressing the three pillars of the NPT rather than focus principally on non-proliferation.

12. (C) The U.S. should expect strong support from Canada on issues related to Iran and the DPRK, Blackmore said, particularly on deterring and responding to Treaty withdrawal by states in violation of non-proliferation obligations, and on ensuring that the Additional Protocol becomes the verification standard. Canada would also be supportive of U.S. initiatives on the Middle East, he noted, but would "probably not be too vocal" owing to domestic electoral political concerns in Canada. Blackmore added that Canada was pleased by the U.S. intention to engage on Article 6.

13. (SBU) DFAIT subject matter expert Da Silva agreed that the U.S. Delegation should expect continuity in Canada's approach to the NPT. As it did in 1995 and 2000, he said, Canada would continue to seek support for its working paper on institutional reform, to include: annual one-week meetings; the ability to call emergency meetings; mandatory reporting requirements to help increase transparency and compliance with Treaty obligations; the participation of Civil Society; and the creation of a standing bureau staff of three to six persons.

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